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DELAWARE BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

MINUTES – AUGUST 5, 2005

Approved September 1, 2005

The Delaware Board of Geologists held a meeting on Friday, August 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Delaware Development Office conference room on the 10th floor of the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

PRESENT

William S. Schenck, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Steven M. Smailer, Professional Member, Vice President
Mark Harvey, Public Member
Eric Trinkle, Professional Member
Stephen Williams, Professional Member
Sherry Hoffman, Deputy Attorney General
James Collins, Director, Division of Professional Regulation
Caitlin Mears, Administrative Specialist II

ABSENT

Dana Long, Public Member
Theodore Ressler, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Allen S. Blank, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Trinkle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2005 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smailer and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

The State Board of Geologists held a public hearing after due notice to consider changes to its Rules and Regulations which were published in the Delaware Register of Regulations in 8 DE Reg. 1388 (4/1/05), the Wilmington News Journal and the Dover Post.

There was no written or verbal comment. The public hearing was closed.

The Board found that the proposed change to clarify that the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam may be taken at any time after the applicant meets the educational requirements set forth in the statute was beneficial to the profession and the public. Mr. Smailer made a motion to adopt the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schenck and carried unanimously.

Mr. Schenck excused the court reporter. Ms. Hoffman advised that the order would be published September 1, 2005 and become effective September 11, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

Jorge I. Gomez's application for licensure by reciprocity from Pennsylvania was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to approve this application. The motion was carried unanimously.

William W. Cocke's application for licensure by reciprocity from Florida was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve this application contingent upon a satisfactory license verification from Florida. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smailer and carried by Mr. Harvey, Mr. Schenck, Mr. Smailer, and Mr. Williams. Mr. Trinkle abstained.

Dennis J. Graves's application for licensure by reciprocity from Pennsylvania was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Smailer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trinkle, to approve this application contingent upon a satisfactory license verification from Pennsylvania. The motion was carried unanimously.

Andries F. Westerbaan's application for licensure by reciprocity from Pennsylvania was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Smailer made a motion to approve this application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harvey and carried unanimously.

Review of Application for Licensure Upon Passing ASBOG Exam

Christopher C. Whallon's application for licensure upon successful completion of the ASBOG exam was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Williams made a motion to allow Mr. Whallon to sit for both portions of the ASBOG exam and to approve his application for licensure contingent upon successful completion of both portions of the exam. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schenck and carried by Mr. Harvey, Mr. Schenck, Mr. Trinkle, and Mr. Williams. Mr. Smailer abstained.

Continuing Education Approval

An application for continuing education approval of eight (8) contact hours for “Sources, Fate and Transport of Barium, Chromium, Cobalt, Copper, Lead, Selenium and Zinc”, sponsored by Southbury Environmental was submitted for the Board’s review. Mr. Trinkle made a motion to approve this activity for eight (8) contact hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smailer and unanimously carried.

It was also agreed that contact information of continuing education sponsors be added to the Division of Professional Regulation website.

An application for continuing education approval of twenty (20) contact hours for “The 21st Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water”, sponsored by The Northeast Regional Environmental Public Health Center and The School of Public Health was submitted by Sergio Morescalchi for the Board’s review. Mr. Trinkle made a motion to approve the conference for twelve (12) contact hours with the understanding that the short courses offered during the conference may be approved for additional continuing education hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schenck and unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Collins addressed the Board on the subject of online license renewals and the possibility of attestation replacing the current continuing education records. Should the Board of Geologists accept attestation, licensees would be able to renew their licenses online. Random audits of a pre-determined percentage of licensees would be done by the Board at a later date. Further discussion of this topic will be added to the agenda of the September meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Smailer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schenck and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin E. Mears
Administrative Specialist II